

THE EARTH HAS GROWN OLD WITH ITS BURDEN OF CARE, BUT AT CHRISTMAS IT IS ALWAYS YOUNG.—Phillips Brooks.

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YOUR FARM PROBLEM

by Ezra Taft Benson
Secretary of Agriculture
(First of a Two-Part Series)

This nation has a serious farm problem.

It does not affect agriculture alone. It is everybody's problem. Today your government has approximately \$5 billions of your money invested in farm commodities.

You own outright more than \$25 billions worth of wheat, corn, cotton and other surplus farm products. You have outstanding loans on agricultural commodities totaling about the same amount. This figure is growing daily.

You are paying more than \$14 millions each month just to store these surpluses. This bill is growing, too, as additional inventories are accumulated by your government.

The losses which your government sustained in disposing of just a small portion of your holdings during the first three months of this fiscal year amounted to \$47 millions.

But, you ask, don't we have a farm program designed to insure agriculture prosperity and prevent the very situation we find ourselves in today?

The answer is that we are operating under the same farm program we had last year and for several previous years. Actually we have strengthened it in several important respects to permit farmers to take broader advantage of its provisions. Existing legislation binds us to a continuation of price supports of 90 per cent of parity on basic commodities through the 1954 crop year.

Nevertheless, farm prices have declined steadily under the record peaks established under the impetus of the Korean war in February, 1951. During the 12 months immediately before I became Secretary of Agriculture, the farm price parity ratio slid from 113 to 95 per cent. Since February of this year, prices have been more stable than in 1952, averaging about 93 per cent of parity.

This story of declining farm income and mounting agricultural surpluses is the best evidence that our present program is not functioning effectively.

For more than a decade, our farmers have been producing under pressure. To meet the war-time needs of ourselves and our allies, they turned out record amounts of food and fiber between 1941 and 1946. With the end of the second World War, they were asked to provide the commodities required in the rehabilitation of Europe and other sections of the earth. Then came the Korean War, with new and heavy demands for farm goods of all kinds.

Suddenly this situation was radically altered. World food production had been climbing since 1948. By 1952 this was exerting strong pressure in the market places. Our wheat exports dropped by one-third in a single year, cotton by even more. Not only had importing nations increased their own production, but they found that they could supply their reduced needs at lower prices from exporting countries which had no farm price support programs.

Just as many American consumers have turned from butter to less expensive spreads, so have other nations sought cheaper wheat, cotton and other products.

We have learned through sometimes bitter experience that when the farmer is in trouble, there is likely to be trouble ahead for everybody. This year, net farm income is expected to be nearly \$1 billion less than it was in 1952. And in 1952 it was more than \$1 billion

The Week in Oxford County

The board of directors of the Oxford Paper Co. declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share on common stock. This is in addition to the quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share formerly declared.

Miss Marion Lafeyre, R. N., of the Rumford Community Hospital staff escaped possible death last Thursday night when a police officer's revolver accidentally discharged, while he was buckling his belt on which the holster was attached. The officer was preparing to leave the hospital after donating blood. A slight abrasion of her left side was the only injury to the young lady.

Anne Gauthier, two years old of Rumford, underwent surgery at the CMG Hospital, Lewiston, after swallowing a walnut which became lodged in a lung entrance.

Mrs. Hazel Strout and grand-daughter, Patricia McMillin, of which the Tabbets Co. is a subsidiary, were hospitalized last



BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Leonard Kimball is a patient at the Rumford Community Hospital.

Miss Doryce Arndt is at her home at Lisbon Falls for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott are visiting relatives at Seal Cove during the holidays.

Mrs. Estelle Goggin is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Stoltz at Allentown, Pa.

Mrs. Minnie Grenier, Portland, spent the past week with her son, Patrick Grenier, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guernsey moved this week to the Norman Greig apartment on Vernon Street.

Mrs. Merle Wheeler went Sunday for a visit with her son, Erland Wheeler and family, at Camden.

Mrs. Vera Waterhouse is the holiday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Martha Waterhouse, at Portland.

Henry Bourgon of Bucksport is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Den Kerkhoven.

Mr. and Mrs. Alper of Westfield, N. J., are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Vance Richardson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiley and family of Lansdale, Pa., are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. John Compass moved this week to the upstairs apartment at Ernest Perkins' on Mason Street.

Below the preceding year, while farm income has been dropping, our total national income has actually increased.

This disparity cannot continue in an economy such as ours. When the farmer can't buy the products of industry, there are certain to be serious dislocations.

How we got into this situation is not as important, at the moment, as what we propose to do about it.

I have outlined here some of the major problems facing agriculture. In a subsequent article, I should like to discuss some of the possible solutions.

Thursday night and eight others suffered minor injuries when a car that was being towed through an intersection on Route 28 in Woodstock was struck broadside by another car.

Herbert C. Damon of Norway died Friday night from head injuries suffered when he fell in a well at his home Dec. 12. Mr. Damon was leaning over peering into the well preparatory to making repairs when the ground crumbled, causing him to fall.

John W. Tobbets, assistant general manager of the E. L. Tobbets Spool Co. of Locke Mills presented a check of \$100 to the Bethel Public Library, and \$500 to the Town of Greenwood for fire prevention and \$300 for hot lunches in the schools of the Town of Greenwood last week. The checks were contributions of the Ekco Foundation, of which the Tobbets Co. is a subsidiary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowhay are visiting relatives in Yonkers, N. Y.

Miss Ruth Donahue and Alan Myette of Newton, Mass., will spend the holiday and week end at E. O. Donahue's.

Miss Mary Whitney and Miss Verna Swift are spending the holidays at Miss Whitney's home in Farmington.

State Trooper and Mrs. Emory McIntyre, and family of Milford are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noy.

Miss Dorothy Fish, R. N., of Buffalo, N. Y., came Sunday for a two week vacation with her mother, Mrs. Raymond Dexter.

Miss Leonora Hodgdon of Redbank, N. J., is spending the holidays with her sisters, Mrs. W. J. Upson and Miss Frances Hodgdon.

Guests of Mrs. Dorothy Kirkpatrick are her daughter, Anita, a student at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va., and Gene Johnson, USN.

Pvt. Laurice Lord, who has been stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood F. Ireland have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheehan and family, Middlebury, Vt., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ireland and son, Springfield, Vt.

P. F. C. Lawrence R. Tibbets, who is with the Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, is this week's guest of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbets.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Brooks with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messerve of Hingham, Mass., will spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Balocca at Oyster Bay, N. Y.

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Corporal Osman S. Palmer, a former resident of South Bethel, is continuing his Army career as a warehouse specialist in the Quartermaster Parachute Maintenance Company of the famed 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C. He is married to the former Miss Freda May Hinkley of South Bethel.

Sale of Seals Less Than Last Year

On December 15, with ten days remaining before Christmas, the Christmas Seal Sale of the Maine Tuberculosis Association in Oxford County was slightly behind the amount contributed for the same period of the 1952 sale. It was reported by Arthur E. Tiffin, Augusta, association treasurer.

A report of the sale of Christmas Seals by towns made on December 15, shows that the total for 1953 is \$1,295.84. The amount for a comparable period of last year's sale was \$1,351.75.

Tiffin stated that support of the tuberculosis control program by the public "not only helps prevent tuberculosis among other people but gives health protection to the person making the contribution. Everyone benefits from the program," he said.

"This is achieved," he continued, "through broad tuberculosis prevention and education programs, medical research and the additional general health work, including school and industrial health, carried out by the association."

Tiffin further reported that up to December 5, 302 new cases of tuberculosis were reported in Maine during 1953, one more than at the same time last year; and that more than 2,200 cases are carried on the state tuberculosis register. "As it is estimated each case of TB costs individuals and taxpayers together almost \$15,000, it is essential for economic purposes as well as humane reasons to eradicate it."

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

New Books:

Hauck — The Story of Nancy Meadows; Zane Grey — Forlorn River; C. Parmenter — Silver Ribbons; Turkington — Seventeen; donated by Mrs. Grace Bartlett.

E. J. Craine — The Mystery of Black Eagle Island; by an anonymous donor.

Hammond's Atlas of Nature Hobbits; donated by Mrs. Cheele Saunders.

New Fiction: Where Love Dwells; Neubauer; Shellabarger; Lord Vanity; Paul Gallico; M. De la Roche.

Young Renny (Janis 1950); The Whiteoak Brothers (Janis 1953); Hue and Cry; Texas Fever.

E. Yates; W. F. Bragg; Non-Fiction; Mrs. Robert Henrey.

Madeline Grown Up; Kathryn Hulme, The Wild Place; Peter Freuchen, Vagant Viking; Ross Santee, Lost Pony Tracks; Gwer Raverat, Period Piece; Jim Corbett, Jungle Lore; Gertrude Cote, As I Live and Dream; Flexner, The Traitor and the Spy; Juvenille.

E. MacGregor, Mrs. Pikerell Goes Undersea; Lawson; Mr. Revere and I; M. Henry.

Brightly of the Grand Canyon; Seuss, The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins.

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MIL. AND MRS. ROY HONORED AT POST-NUPTIAL SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roy were guests of honor at a post-nuptial Christmas party shower Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gallant. Assisting the host and hostess in the planning and preparation of the party were: Mrs. Herbert Lyon, Mrs. Irving Cummings, and Mrs. Marilyn Hebert.

The lights from a very pretty Christmas tree lit the room in which the couple opened their gifts where they were attractively arranged around the tree. After the couple had expressed their warm thanks for their many lovely gifts, they cut their shower cake and refreshments of punch, cake, coffee and sandwiches were served.

The present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dooce, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Annis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blake, Mrs. Mary Blahop, Mrs. Marie Swan, Parker Daye, Norton Cross and Ruel Swain. Those attending from out of town were, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dubois, Stanley, Harmon Thurston and Thomas Burgess.

Those unable to attend but sending gifts were: Mrs. Marilyn Hebert, Miss Ruth Blahop, Miss Eleanor Sumner, Miss Maxine Dresser, Miss Eleanor Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van, Mr. and Mrs. D. Grover Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, Mrs. Katherine Salway, Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Ronald Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Kenwood Hutchinson.

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEEMEN NAMED FOR MAINE

Maine farmers have elected 1954 Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committeemen for each county, reports Robert S. Pike, of Cornish, chairman of the State ASC Committee (formerly called the State PMA committee). Chairman of the county committees are: Hubert Bowie, of Lisbon, Androscoggin County; Wallace Fenaison, of Limestone, Arrostook County; George Wilson of Portland, Cumberland County; Percy Cook, of Phillips, Franklin County; Ivor Grindie, of Bucksport, Hancock County; Ralph Wentworth, of Hope, Knox County; Bernard Newbert, of Waldoboro, Lincoln County; John McKeen, of West Paris, Oxford County; C. Joseph Shepherd, of Corinna, Penobscot County; Elmer Leland, of Sangerville, Piscataquis County; Edward White, of Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc County; Carl Emery, of Palmyra, Somerset County; Walter Mitchell, of Troy, Waldo County; Henry Nichols, of Harrington, Washington County; and J. Wesley Scammon, of Saco, York County.

The fire alarm was sounded Wednesday afternoon for a small fire at the home of Stanley Gallant on Mechanic Street, which was all out before arrival of fire apparatus.

Holiday and week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Paine and family will be Mrs. Ruth Dorion and daughter, Sarah, of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dorion and son, Billy, of Bucksport, Mrs. Clayton Hall, Gail Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Morrill and daughter, Wanda of Freeport.

Among the students home from colleges for Christmas vacation are: Maria Mills, Susan Kneeland, Henrietta Swain, Scott Guernsey, of Bates; Janice Lord of U. of M.; John Willard of Clarkson; Christine Smith of Carham State Teachers College; Carlton Brown of Mariaville; T. I. Roger Adams of Lawrence Bennett and Harry York of Boston University; Charles Smith of Amherst; Lillian Guernsey of Simmons College; Laura Wilson of U. of M.; Theodore Chadbourne of Dartmouth; and Phyllis Chadbourne of Bradford Junior College; Kaye Wilson of Mount Ida College.

The yearly meeting of this statewide organization is held in different parts of the State each year in accordance with a policy enacted by the board of directors several years ago. The 1954 convocation is scheduled to be held at the Eastland Hotel, Portland, on Monday, January 18.

The program will include a directors' meeting, an afternoon business session with the election of new officers and a report of the past year's activities, followed by the annual banquet in the evening.

Dr. Boynton will be out of town from DEC. 31 to JAN. 3

CHRISTMAS DANCE Saturday Night, Dec. 26 8:30-12:00

William Bingham Gym PHIL DOCK'S ORCHESTRA

Sponsored by G. A. Alumni EVERYONE WELCOME Admission—75c

Tables Reserved at Rosserman's

Bethel Adopts Manager Government

Compared with many special town meetings, there was a good turn out for decision on the town manager question last Thursday night at Odeon Hall although but 105 citizens expressed their opinion. Checked on the voting list and using printed ballots, 135 favored the change to the manager form of government and 30 voted against it.

Chairman Harold G. Bennett of the committee named last March to investigate the advisability of adoption of the plan by the town of Bethel read the committee's report in favor of the new way. Other committee members were Carroll Abbott, Robert Blake, John Irvine, and Edmond Vachon. Moderator Henry Hastings explained the question and the suggested method of voting. There was no debate on the question.

It was voted to define the duties of town manager as follows: tax collector, treasurer, road commissioner, overseer of the poor, purchasing agent, and such others as the selectmen may prescribe. It was also voted to increase the number of selectmen and assessors to five.

One of the first duties of the board of selectmen to be chosen at the annual meeting in March will be the choice of a town manager.

After a lengthy discussion the voters present decided to "close High Street to vehicular traffic between Elm and Church Streets." The vote was 77 yes—33 no. Paul Thurston explained the reasons underlying the proposition, stating that plans for the use of the old grammar school building for purposes under consideration by Gould Academy trustees depended on the town's action on the article. He spoke of the Academy's payment of \$50,000 for the old building when the new Crescent Park School was built. He stated that a recent traffic count showed 173 in a day on upper High Street while 2001 traveled Main Street, and he stressed the danger of the High-Elm Street intersection, stating that 15 accidents had occurred there in some 20-odd years. It was the opinion of Hugh Thurston that the only action the town could take would be to discontinue the street. Other speakers questioned maintenance of water and sewer pipes and grades of the present street level after the Academy's plans are effected. Headmaster Ireland spoke of plans for a broad walk connecting Church and Elm Streets.

On article 6 the voters decided to take \$1200 from the surplus to the account of repair of roads and bridges. Selectman John Carter explained that the flood of last March caused road damage amounting to about \$3200 and some \$1600 was received from the State.

PUBLICITY BUREAU TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING NEXT MONTH

The 22nd annual meeting of the State of Maine Publicity Bureau will be held in Portland next month, according to an announcement made by Bureau president Arthur F. Maxwell of Biddeford.

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ROADSIDE GRILLE Closing Dec. 31

Until Further Notice

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Martha and Billy

G. I. Kneeland, D. O. General Practice

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LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
Editorial—Herald College
Staple Article

What A System!

When the original 13 states of the U. S. A. began to function as a Constitutional Republic in 1789, the private enterprise economic system had already demonstrated its great worth as a creator of material welfare for a nation's people. Although hampered by the many economic restrictions imposed by Great Britain, the system had revealed several of its basic assets to be unmatched in previous human history. And these assets began to flower when the yoke of Britain's legislation was thrown off. The most important assets are:

The Principle of Private Ownership of Property: This most fundamental of the elements in the American economic system provides the basic incentive that brings from each individual his most productive effort. What each person produces is his to do with as he pleases. He can work harder, and produce more, and have more. And that's what successful Americans do: they put forth their best effort, and are rewarded.

Creating New Wealth

The Profit Motive: Profit is a small fraction of created wealth. Therefore, it comes from production. When an individual produces more than the basic living requirements of himself and family, he turns the surplus into profit which he can use as he sees fit. An automobile is not a basic requirement for survival, nor is a radio set; but most American families want them, and have them because the profit system gives them the privilege of earning and keeping enough wealth to afford them.

The Free Market: This is not only of benefit to business and industry, but to the individual as well. In a free market the individual worker's ability goes to the highest bidder. Tens of thousands of agricultural workers have left the farms and have learned industrial skills that bring them bigger cash income. Any employee can advance on his individual efforts in a free market system. And of course, the competition existing for business and industry constantly gives the consumers a bigger dollar's worth.

For the Few

How well do I remember the first automobile that came to our town 40 years ago. It was a chain-driven Metz, a one-seater. You cranked it on the side. It had a rubber-bulb horn, high pressure tires, and a buggy top. It broke down constantly. Yet its owner was envied far and wide. Of course, he was the richest man in the area. Only the wealthy could afford an automobile when I was a boy. And yet today there are more automobiles in America than there are families and almost every family owns one.

Competition in the free market: did this. And what it has done in the production of the automobile, it has done in many other things, too. When Henry Ford began making the "Ford Model A" automobiles, they were still beyond the reach of most Americans. But he was determined to outstrip other manufacturers, and produce a car that all Americans could own. He won the low-price market—but not for long. Chevrolet, Plymouth, and others competed. And they competed so well that the product continued constantly to improve.

For the Many

The low priced cars of today, which are driven by millions of Americans, are 40 times better than the high priced car of 1913 which only the few wealthy people could own. In my opinion, this automobile illustrates the remarkable benefits to the whole population of our unique American economic system, with its principle of private ownership, its profit ownership, its profit motive, and its free market.

Other nations, at times, have had some of these three elements in their economic system, but none of all three of them together to the extent that they have been functioning in our country. And what about the comparative results? As-

DALE CARNEGIE

★ AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING" ★

A FEW years ago Mrs. Alfhild M. Michal, 1 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin, was forced to revise her way of life with a new job, new environment, new friends and, most important of all, a new and more constructive attitude. She accepted most of these things and did them because she must, all except the last. In her confused state of mind she could find nothing to be "constructive" about and, further more, she seemed determined not to like anything about her conditions, completely overlooking the fact that the fault was her own.

It wasn't very long before that acute dislike of everything and anything built up into a state of worry and indecision, and life became a nightmare. Finally, she talked with a friend of hers, a minister, who told her that she had built up a pattern or foundation of "don't likes" which had to be broken down. This friend suggested that she get a large notebook and begin listing her "satisfactions." She was to write down every little thing she could think of that gave her even a momentary feeling of pleasure: the smell of coffee in the morning, the sizzling of bacon, a baby's smile, anything at all that came to mind. It seemed childish but it was no more childish than her own way of doing things. So, she tried it. In less than two months she was amazed and startled to find that her notebook contained more than 600 "satisfactions"—quite a lot for a person with a case of "don't likes." When she weighed the tremendous number of little pleasurable things against her few so-called "major" problems, she felt a bit foolish. They were certainly outnumbered. She then admitted that her fears were mostly of her own making and could only assume the importance she gave them in her own mind. She says she was not cured overnight but gradually she realized that her life could be guided by the pattern of her thinking.



CARNEGIE

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual — National and International Problems Inseparable From Local Welfare

As a general rule, the establishment of new governmental commissions means bad news for the taxpayer. The situation is quite the opposite in the case of two commissions which are now getting down to work.

One is the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, under the chairmanship of Herbert Hoover. A series of task forces have been established, each of which is headed by an outstanding business man or professional man, assisted by recognized experts in particular fields. The Commission's area of study will be very wide, including such problems as water and power resources; civil service; lending agencies; surplus property; medical services; federal substance services, and so on.

The task forces will fully evaluate all available facts in their respective fields, and submit recommendations as to improvements in efficiency and economy, elimination of overlap, and reductions in spending.

The other new commission has not, at least as yet, received as much notice as Mr. Hoover's. However, it too will deal with problems of the first importance. It is called the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and Clarence E. Manion, former Dean of

the University of Notre Dame Law School is the chairman. Other members are governors, and representatives of the public and of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. The purpose is to study ways and means to check and reverse the trend toward more and more federal paternalism, and to provide workable plans for returning to the states all or part of certain responsibilities which are now being discharged in Washington.

That this will be a tough job goes without saying. Probably few people are aware of how enormous the growth of federal aid programs has been in the last 30 years or so. According to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in 1920 the entire cost of federal aid was a mere \$42,000,000, and most of that went for highways, agricultural education and research, and the National Guard. By 1930, the figure had reached \$346,000,000, not including emergency grants resulting from the depression, and two thirds of this was for highways. Last year, the figure was well in excess of \$2,000,000,000, and highways accounted for less than a fifth of it. The largest item, \$1,400,000,000, was appropriated for the program administered by the Federal Security Agency, which is now known as the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

This aid program now covers about 40 categories—veterans, old

age assistance, education, control of certain diseases, etc. The Chamber indicated one major problem when it said, "If any sizeable portion of these activities is to be made the complete responsibility of the states and their political subdivisions, some plan must be devised for the transfer to the states of various sources of tax revenue now pre-empted by or shared with the federal government."

In any event, two commissions are now at work to reduce, rather than increase, the cost of government—and to make the federal establishment smaller, not bigger.

LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

What this land is in need of for any 10 minutes per day is "calm." There is but little that we could not clear up if we took our foot off the gas for 10 minutes—scratched our dome, took a look at ourselves.

It has been a come opera era we been living in—we observe a bunch of people boardin' the rattler for Wash. to see Mr. Agriculture Benson about higher floor prices. We don't catch the idea that we will be the guys and dames who will put the coin of the realm into Sambo's milt for any hand-outs for the floor dolo—and round she goes—and we don't savvy why it is harder and harder to make both ends meet.

Horse sense has been horse sense for thousands of years—there has been no law repealing same. We just been overdoing our yokellandness. We got along okay when it was just a kewpie doll or a brass watch chain that the man nicked us for—now it is our freedom and future we been gambling with. When we had only the one-room school house we had fewer suckers per capita than now. The one room school house included AEsop in its curriculum. Taint so now.

Yours with the low down,
JO. SERRA

GRASS ROOTS OPINION

Moulton, Texas, Eagle: "The cattlemen who marched on Washington were little more representative of the livestock industry of the nation than the 'bonus marchers' of an earlier day typified the American war veteran—nor were they any more successful."

Addison, N. Y., Advertiser: "When one party dominates any unit of government, and that party is controlled by self-perpetuating bosses.... good government is pretty sure to go out the window. There is nothing like lively competition to keep public officials on their toes."

Oakland, Calif., California Voice: "As the distaff side comes more and more into its own in the government, old-time politicians may view the trend with some alarm. We don't blame them for that. Many of them will have to buckle down and earn their government keep more convincingly, or a horde of determined, hard-working women may eventually give the Capitol a clean sweep and take over."

Hagerstown, Md., Morning Herald: "With human nature what it is, the surprising thing is that so few succumb to temptation and that such an overwhelming majority of the law enforcement officers of this country are so industrious, conscientious and incorruptible...."

BREAKING THROUGH THE GLOOM



CONGRESSIONAL

Q—Did the U. S. ever have a Congress consisting of just one house?

A—The Continental Congress had a single house. The Articles of Confederation, delegated legislative power, for actions the states could not handle individually, to a Continental Congress of delegates from the 13 states. After the Revolutionary War, pressure for establishment of a stronger national government, led to the adoption of the Constitution, which was declared ratified on March 4, 1789. A compromise between the large in population, and small states, the document called for a two-house Congress, the House based on population (for the large states) and the Senate on equal representation (for the less populous states.)

Q—How many current Senators and Representatives are not native-born citizens?

A—At least eight Members of Congress, including one Senator, were not born in the U. S. They list these birthplaces in their biographies in the Congressional Directory: Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.) Canada; and Reps. Noah M. Mason (R. Ill.), Wales; Thaddeus M. Machrowicz (D. Mont.), Poland; Steven B. Derounian (R. N. Y.), Bulgaria; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (D. N. Y.), Canada; Katharine St. George (R. N. Y.), England; Otto Krueger (R. N. D.), Russia; and Robert Croser (D. Ohio), Scotland.

Q—Did the scientific committee appointed by Secretary of Commerce

Shelby Weeks to evaluate the National Bureau of Standard ever make a report?

A—Yes. On Oct. 15 the committee reported that the over-all work of the Bureau was "superior" and recommended increased appropriations for it. The Committee also recommended, among other things, that weapons research done by the Bureau for the Department of Defense be transferred to the armed services, and that non-technical procedure policy be the responsibility of the Secretary of Commerce. Weeks on April 3 had asked seven scientific groups to form a committee to probe operations of the Bureau, which, with its ousted-and-restored head, Dr. Allen V. Astin, figured in a controversy over the merits of a battery additive, AD-X2.

Q—How many judges make up the federal judiciary?

A—Three hundred and seven in the six federal court systems, excluding the Territorial Courts. The makeup: Supreme Court, nine; Courts of Appeals, 65; District Courts, 214; Customs Court, nine; Court of Claims, five; Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, five. Legislation on which Congress almost agreed in 1953 and probably will complete in 1954 would add from 29 to 39 judges.

Q—When were voting machines first used in America?

A—A mechanical vote tabulator similar to those now in use was first used in a Lockport, N. Y., election in 1892, according to George Stimpson's "Book About American Politics." They are now in widespread use in more than 25 states. The first patent obtained by Thomas A. Edison, in 1868, was for a voting machine.

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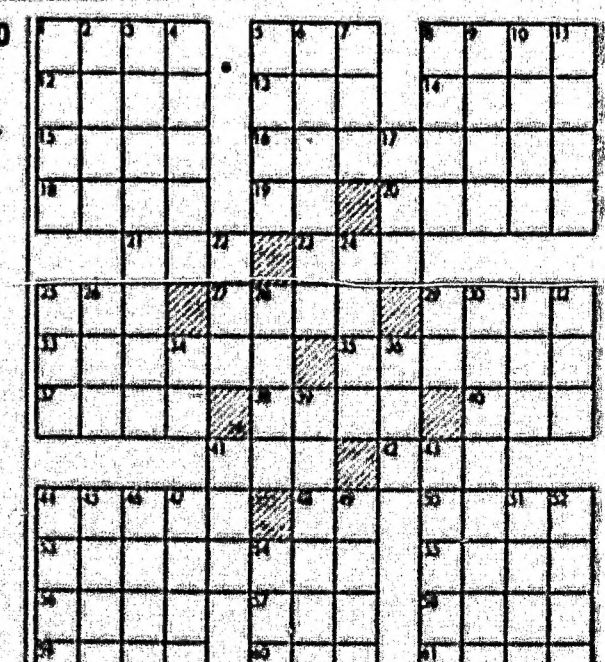
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O. E. S. Meeting

A stated meeting of Jefferson Chapter, OES, was held Friday evening at Masonic Hall. Christmas carols were sung after the business meeting, with Mrs. Adeline Mann, accompanist. The following committee was appointed to collect war clothing for needy families in Europe: Mrs. Myrtle Hayden, Mrs. and Mrs. Elsie Bennett at Locke Mills. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Juanita Allen, Mrs. Lena H. Cushman, Mrs. Eva B. Twitchell and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitman. The worthy matron appointed the following committees for the annual meeting, Jan. 16: Refreshment, Mrs. Elsie Cole, Mrs. Arline MacKillop, Mrs. Martha Warner and Mrs. Edith Abbott. Entertainment, Raynor Littlefield and Charles Day.

Franklin Grange met Saturday night. The program included singing of Christmas carols and a reading by Daniel Cole, followed by an exchange of gifts from a Christmas tree. Refreshments of pop corn and candy were served. A mystery package was won by Mrs. Irene LaChance.

Alfred Harold Welch, stationed at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Wheeler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bryant were the guests Sunday of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Graffam, Oxford.

Mrs. Claude Cushman had the misfortune to fall Saturday and fracture both bones in her leg above the ankle. After X-rays, the leg was placed in a cast, and she is resting as comfortably as possible at her home.

Dana Dudley, 2nd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley, is having two weeks vacation from his studies at Fryeburg Academy. He is attending the State 4-H Club Contest at University of Maine, Orono, Dec. 28 to 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Averill, South Paris, have bought the house on Lake Road, formerly owned by Frances B. Hayes.

Francis Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean, Gore Road, entered the Rumford Community Hospital, Dec. 18, as a surgical patient.

Miss Arden Billings and Ronald Rafuse, Engelwood, N. J., were the week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Billings.

Mrs. Fred M. Cole is spending Christmas and a few days with her brother, Robert Cushman and family, Auburn.

GULEAD

— Mrs. Florence Holder, Corres. —

Mrs. Florence Holder and son, Clayton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer at the Farrar residence in Bryant Pond Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bean went to Colebrook, N. H. Sunday to attend the funeral services of Dr. Clark Swall.

Mr. and Mrs. Amadee Flette have returned home from New York City after spending a few days with her brother, Douglas Daniels, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson of Monmouth spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Florence Holder.

Ralph Barrett of Portland was a week end guest of friends in town.

EAST BETHEL

— Mrs. David S. Foster, Corres. —

The Early Risers 4-H Club held their Christmas party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Gladys Tyler. The eight footstools that the boys have been working on were finished and taken home. A Christmas tree was enjoyed by all members. Miss Serena Coolidge was the winner of the Christmas basket.

Alder River Grange No. 145 held their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Bartlett at the Grange Hall was too cold to stay in that night, Dec. 18. It was voted to give our usual donation to Opportunity Farm. The Lecturer, Mrs. Myra Foster, put on the following program: Song, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," Susie Ingalls; Ten Christmas Commandments, Mrs. Floribel Haines assisted by Mrs. Huldah Stevens; Singing of Christmas carols by all; Stunt by four pairs of people, wrapping gifts; and a Christmas tree. The mystery package was won by Mrs. Huldah Stevens.

The East Bethel primary school presented their Christmas program on Dec. 18 as follows: Song, Christmas Bells. School; We Welcome You—Geneva Kimball, Esther Harrington, Gordon Crockett, Russell Parker; Three Animals Bold—Michael Boles, Larry Curtis, Richard Jamison; A Spelling Bee—Gloria Harrington, Dale Kimball, Robert Parker, Gregory Howe, Josephine Foster, Russell Parker, Cynthia Coolidge, Earl Coolidge, Kenneth Crockett, Danny Long; Big Game—Danny Long and Bobby Crouse; Stronger Toys Please—Earl Coolidge; Small Speeches—Bobbie Crouse; A Christmas Sherlock Holmes—Gregory Howe; A Dilemma—Cynthia Coolidge; Uncle Grouch—Dale Kimball, Gloria Harrington, Josephine Foster, Robert Parker; The Merriest Day—Eleanor Billings; A Christmas Speech—Neil Olson; We Love Him—Gordon Crockett; Christmas Secrets—Kenneth Crockett; A Tiny Girl's Part—Esther Crockett; Mrs. Santa Claus—Janis Swan; Daddy's Girl—Sue Howe; Song, Up On the Housetop, School. After the program a Christmas tree was enjoyed by the children and refreshments of popcorn and candy were enjoyed.

Miss Dorothy Foster was a guest of Misses Janice and Sandra Stearns at Rumford Corner Monday.

Miss Carolyn Noyes returned home Friday from her studies at the U of M.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Whitman and daughter of South Paris were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Billings of Welchville, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Verrill and children of Milton Road, Bethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Jr. and children of Auburn were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

Miss Grace Smith was a guest of Nell Gross in Jefferson, N. H., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bourne and children of Ogunquit were guests last week end of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett.

Expected guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graves of West Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bean of Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Edmunds of South Paris were guests of Mrs. Evelyn Harrington this week end.

Mrs. Ruth Remington of South Paris was a guest of her daughter.

NEWRY

— Mrs. Leon Enman, Corres. —

Mrs. George Learned came home from the Rumford Community Hospital last Friday where she was a surgical patient. She is making a good recovery.

Miss Suzanne Wight is visiting friends in Derry, N. H., over the holiday.

The children of the Branch and Powers schools had a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Newry Grange Hall last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lester Lane is a patient at the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, N. H.

Mr. Chester Harrington, last week end.

The East Bethel Women's Extension Group met at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett for a planning meeting and Christmas party on December 21 with 10 members present. The following program was outlined for the coming year: Jan. 13, Vegetable Varieties; Feb. 10, Fashion Accessories; March 24, Color in the Home, HDA meeting; April 21, Housework Makes You Young; May 25, Fabric Facts; June 9, Lunch Box; July 14, Trays, possibly a picnic or a tour; Aug. 11, Picture Framing; Sept. 9, Your Breakfast, HDA meeting; Oct. 20, International Day, Know Your Neighbor—Holiday this year; Nov. 10, Decorative Stitches and election of officers; Dec. 15, Planning Meeting and Christmas Party. The group plans to carry on Square Meals for Health this year so most of the meetings will start at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Ida Blake and Victor Robinson visited friends in Dixfield and Rumford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings went to Bangor and Orono Friday to get Miss Mary and Warren Hastings at the U of M as their Christmas vacation started then.

Miss Adelle Kimball has returned home from her studies at Gorham State Teachers College for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings were visiting in Lewiston and Portland Monday.

Al Curtis has been very ill with the flu, but is feeling a little better and is able to be up a short time.

Edward Hastings is home from his studies at the University of New Hampshire and is staying at

UPTON

— Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Corres. —

The local school closed on Friday Dec. 18th with the following program at the school house in the evening.

A Welcome to You, Judy Judkins

Prayers: People Who Make Me Think,

Bobby Weston

At Our House God Speaks to Me,

Diane Williamson

Song — Hark the Herald Angels Sing,

The Church Bells Song,

Letter to Santa-Humpty,

John Douglass

City Lights, Dwight Williamson

The Christmas Story,

Fred Judkins II

For Christmas, Horace Goodrum Jr.

Song — Rudolph the Red Nosed

Reindeer,

Christmas Wreath, Lucien Bernier

Now Every Child, Lloyd Enman

Santa Claus

The Bells

Song—We Three Kings of the

Orient Are: Edward Bernier,

Lloyd Enman, Horace Goodrum

Christmas Everywhere,

Rosemary Goodrum

Christmas Carol, Edward Bernier

My Christmas Gift, Melanle Bernier

Christmas Comes But Once a Year,

Juanita Bernier

School

Play,

All the high school students are

home for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richards has gone

to Andover for her vacation.

Rodney Howe's as William Hastings

is still ill with the mumps.

Miss Marie Mills was a guest of

Miss Shirley Bartlett over Fri-

day and Saturday.

Miss Mary and Warren Hastings

went skiing at Conway, N. H., last

week end.

Ablene, Kan., Reflector-Chronicle:

"President Eisenhower has

issued an order which relaxes some

of the restrictions on the work of

newsmen who must report on the

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to national security....It will be

well if no further attempts are

made to curtail the right of the

people to know what their govern-

ment is doing."

MAGALLOWAY

— Mrs. Bessie Harvey, Corres. —

Miss Martha Bennett is still at the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital but is recovering slowly.

Mrs. Mabel Cameron visited at Fred Bennett's last Wednesday.

Mrs. Duke conducted church services at Wilson's Mills Sunday as

Mr. Duke officiated at the funeral

of Dr. Clark Swall at Colebrook,

N. H. Dr. Swall died suddenly on

Wednesday from a heart seizure,

he was a well known veterinarian

and had been a resident of Cole-

brook for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGinley

spent the week end at their col-

lage here also their son, Bruce.

The Azisecos Grange at Wilson's

Mills was well attended last Thurs-

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en up to help pay freight on pow-

dered milk for Korean children.

The first large snowfall of the

year is here covering the fields

deeply.

LUCKY CLOVER 4-H CLUB

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club, as

its 8th meeting held a Public and

Parents' meeting combined at the

East Bethel Grange Hall, Dec. 20.

After a regular business meeting

three demonstrations were held on

the following subjects: Christmas

Wrappings by Phyllis Coolidge and

Jeanne Newton; Easy Mix Salad

Dressing, by Sandra Olson and

Serena Coolidge; and Canning

Techniques by Arlene Coolidge.

Christmas carols were sung fol-

lowed by presentation of gifts by

Santa from a pretty Christmas

tree. Twelve mothers, two grand-

mothers, many younger brothers

and sisters and all 14 members

were present.

I have always thought of Christ-

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—Charles Dickens

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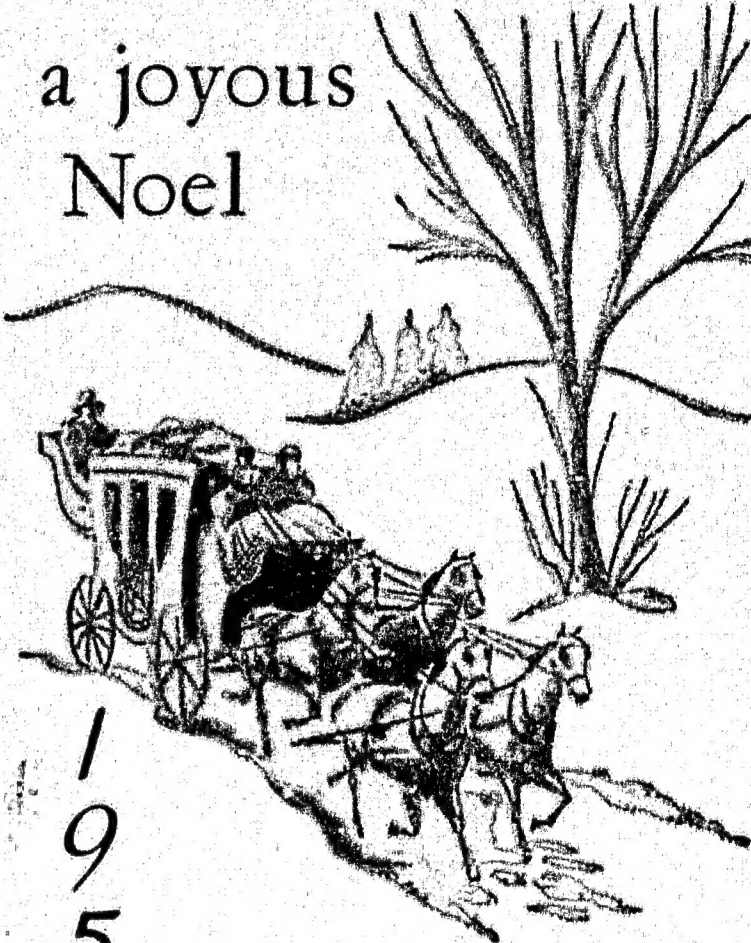


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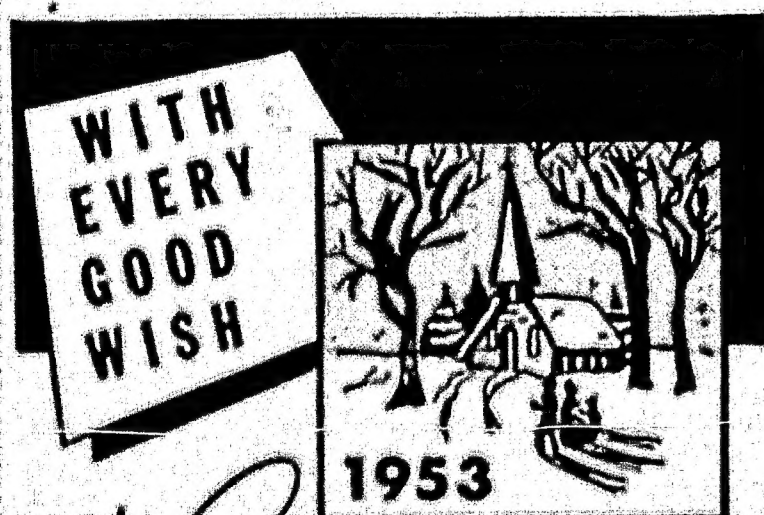
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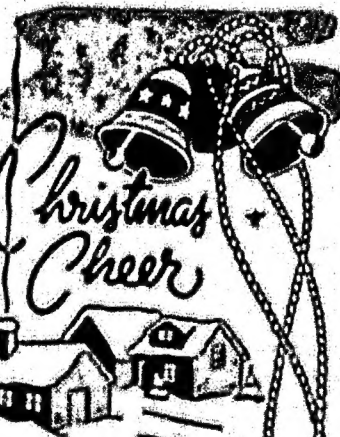
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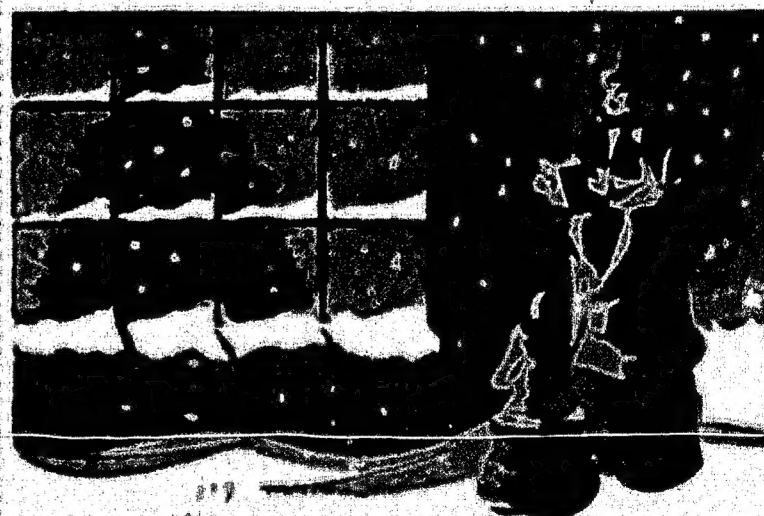
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STRANGE POLICY

Some curious events took place at the recent CIO convention. A policy statement was adopted by a voice vote which, in effect, damned the Interior Department for its present favorable attitude toward electric power development by the heavily-taxed, publicly-regulated private utilities. Proposed participation of the power industry in the atomic energy program was specifically denounced, as was private development of a huge block of needed new hydropower at Niagara Falls. Also denounced was all criticism of TVA as "creeping socialism".

The Utility Workers Union of America, the CIO union which is most directly interested in these matters, argued against this. Its spokesman said that government entry into the automobile business might be just as fairly advocated. But he got nowhere, and a resolution which follows the socialist line in almost every particular became official CIO policy.

It's interesting to speculate on what would happen if this policy were followed by Interior and other government bodies. In the matter of atomic energy use for peacetime purposes, for instance, how much progress could we honestly expect under an ironclad government monopoly? A good answer to that was recently made by David Lilienthal, who once headed TVA and who was long identified with the New Deal and its philosophies. Mr. Lilienthal said, "Industrial development of atomic energy simply won't happen until business management, the engineering and chemical professions... have their chance for a crack at it. In a wide-open competition of ideas, based on wide-open access to knowledge."

As to government vs. private development at Niagara and elsewhere, the issue is perfectly simple. In either case, the power will be provided. The question is whether it shall be provided from private savings, without cost to the taxpayers, and under a system that will create big new sources of taxation for government - or whether it shall be produced on a socialized, tax-free, tax-subsidized basis.

In any event the CIO's position is a strange one in the light of modern history. For that history proves beyond argument that when free enterprise is destroyed, free labor and its organizations are destroyed with it.

The philosophy of the present administration is based upon the principle that government should not attempt to do what private enterprise can do. Under Secretary of Commerce Walter Williams,

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Ham sandwiches, especially from the remainder of the ham you've had for dinner are excellent when you use them with sliced apples, mayonnaise and lettuce.

You can stuff leftover chicken, ham or turkey into parboiled green

peppers. Mix the meat with rice and include a bit of basil in the seasonings. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake with undiluted or just slightly diluted canned tomato soup until heated through.

Chicken sandwiches are wonderful when company drops in unexpectedly and you have some roast chicken in the refrigerator. Spread the buttered bread with chutney before putting on slices of chicken if you want a real treat.

For a new twist to pinwheel roll, fill with a mixture of mince meat (1 cup) to which has been added 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves and 1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts. Roll and cut dough as usual, and bake in buttered muffin cups at 375°F.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Raisin-Peanut Clusters

1/2 cup pure, dark molasses
1/2 cup corn syrup
1 teaspoon vinegar
3 tablespoons butter
2 cups shelled peanuts
1 cup raisins

Cook molasses, corn syrup and vinegar until a hard ball forms when a small amount is dropped in cold water or reaches 250°F. on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat and add butter. Stir until combined with syrup, then add nuts and raisins. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased pan. If candy hardens while you work with it, place pan over very low heat and stir vigorously until it softens.

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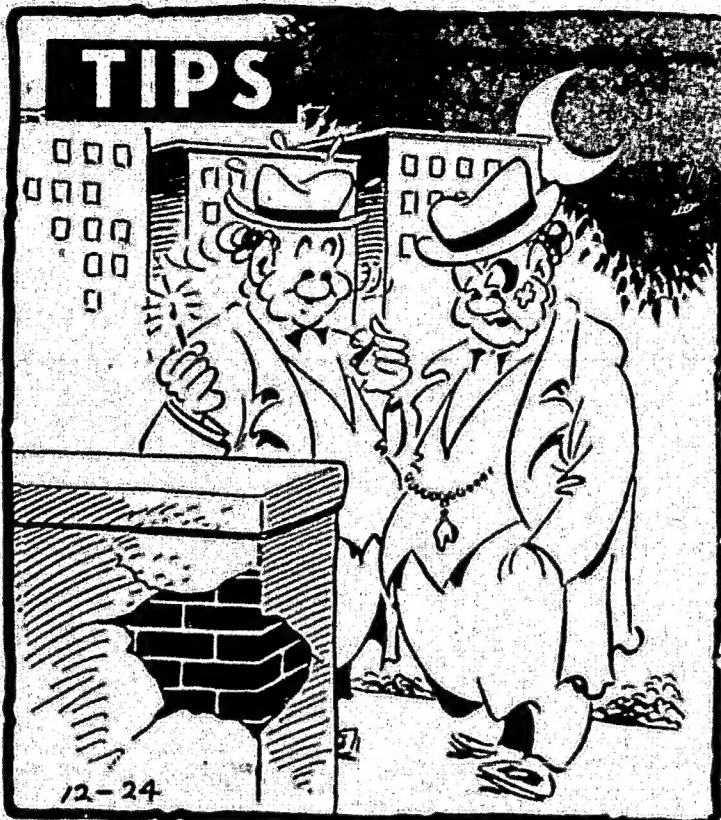
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"My kid got some boxing gloves in the Want Ads—that's my tooth!"

SPORTS FLASHES

from The Sporting News by J. G. Taylor Spink

National League Places Eight on Sporting News All-Star Team

Seldom in the 25-year history of The Sporting News All-Star team selections have two players dominated their positions as convincingly as Roy Campanella and Red Schoendienst blanketed the catching and second base departments, respectively, in the 1953 poll.

Of the 217 ballots cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the Dodger slugger's name appeared on 208, a margin of 200 votes over the eight-accrued Yogi Berra of the Yankees. The Redhead of the Cardinals was only a step behind, collecting 194 votes to five for Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers and Nelson Fox of the White Sox.

For the first time since the annual selections were begun in 1925, the '53 aggregation contains 12 players. In addition to the eight regulars and three pitchers customarily chosen, a special niche was created for Ted Williams, a nine-year veteran of previous Sporting News All-Star Clubs. Because of the Splinter's spectacular return to action after 15 months as a fighter pilot in Korea, it was felt that the Red Sox slugger deserved an honorary spot on the club.

The All-Star team line-up is as follows:

Player and Club	Position
Mickey Vernon, Senators	1b
Al Schoendienst, Cardinals	2b
Al Rosen, Indians	3b
Pee Wee Reese, Dodgers	ss
Stan Musial, Cardinals	lf
Duke Snider, Dodgers	cf
Carl Furillo, Dodgers	cf
Roy Campanella, Dodgers	c
Robin Roberts, Phillies	p
Warren Spahn, Braves	p
Bob Porterfield, Senators	p
Ted Williams, Red Sox	of

Fewer Whistles With More Officials
If two officials blow more whistles than many fans believe nec-

essary in basketball, adding a third man in a striped shirt would appear likely to result in the calling of even more fouls. But, The Sporting News reports, experiments by the Big Ten Conference with three-man officiating teams have indicated that just the opposite is true. There are less fouls.

During the 1952-53 season, when two officials worked all Big Ten games, there was an average of 44 personal fouls per game. However, in two experimental games this year—Jowa vs. Washington (St. Louis) and Illinois vs. Butler—the average with three-man crews was only 40 fouls.

"These figures are just one of the talking points in favor of three officials," according to Bill Harlow, the Big Ten's supervisor of basketball officials under Commissioner Tug Wilson.

"The main point that impressed me," he said in The Sporting News story, "is the complete coverage of the floor by a three-man crew. There isn't a single blind spot at any time. There always is at least one official with a clear view of every play and guesswork is entirely eliminated."

Blair Gallion of Washington U. after watching the work of three officials in his team's contest with Iowa, said, "This is the most progressive step in basketball officiating in the game's history."

Short Stuff

Anyone who doubts that Johnny Mize is serious about retiring will be interested in learning reports of The Sporting News, that he turned over all his favorite bats to Billy Martin after the World's Series... Ed Stevens, one-time first baseman for the Dodgers, is a disk jockey in Toronto... The Senators are trying to trade Gil Coan, but can't get anything worthwhile for him... The White Sox and the Red Sox have discussed a deal involving Ferris Fair and Sandy Consuegra for George Kell and Dick Gernert.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Corres.

The following service was conducted by Rev. Peter Goring at West Bethel Union Church Sunday:

Processional Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Union Invocation; Responsive Reading, "Christmas"; Gloria Patri; Apostle Creed; Anthem, "Away in a Manger"; Scripture Lesson, St. Luke 2:1-23; Pastoral Prayer; Offertory; Trumpet Solo, Richard Fennell; The Call; Doxology; Prayer of Dedication; Announcements; Hymn, "Angel from the Heavens of Glory"; Sermon, "If The Innkeeper Had Only Known"; Recessional Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett were in Portland, Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Rolfe and Mrs. Bernard Rolfe were in Lewiston, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen Walker, Mrs. Clarence Rolfe and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert were in Rumford Thursday.

Mrs. Richard Walker was at home from Western Maine Sanatorium, Lebanon, for five days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock were in Berlin, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Croteau and grandson, West Greenwood, called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock, Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Myers was in Berlin, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert will be hosts for dinner and a tree Christmas Day. Expected guests are

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. C. James Knight, Corres.

Mrs. Nannette Foster and son David, of East Bethel were Sunday caller at George Abbott's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. James Knight were at Bethel Tuesday afternoon of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Florence Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb, of Oran, were Monday evening guests of Mrs. Christine Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole were at the Rogers nursing home, West Paris, Saturday to see Mrs. Lola Foster.

Mrs. Christine Hill and daughter, Shari, called to see Mrs. Lilian Hill at South Paris, Monday afternoon.

George Davis broke his leg Monday while working in the woods. He is at the Rumford hospital.

Mrs. Malcolm Doyen of Livermore visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Herman Cole.

Mrs. Mertie Hardy recently spent the day with her son at Hiale.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gilbert and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thibault, Brunswick, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Abbott.

A Christmas tree was held Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker and Diana.

TODAY'S Meditation



Thursday, December 24

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder. (Isaiah 9:6.) Read Luke 2:1-7.

As we approach Christmas Day, the scene is familiar: the star over Bethlehem, the sheep feeding, the annunciation of Christ's birth, the multitude of the heavenly host praising God, the rapture of the humble shepherds witnessing to the fact that the Messiah has come.

We ourselves see the star, glowing. Above the hills we hear the angelic voices saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." We ourselves journey into the village and seek the stable where we see Joseph and Mary and the Christ Child. We know God's love is shown

in the Holy Child in the lowly manger.

We look with deepened awe at the figure of Him who is destined to become the center of human history. Here is the King who seeks to rule the thinking and the actions of the world by making his abode in human hearts. God would not have sent to us a more precious gift than Christ, our Saviour.

Prayer

Our Father, may we find a new meaning of the birth of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May the joy of Christmas inspire us to serve others and so find a deeper fellowship with them and with Thee. In His name. Amen.

—Magdalena H. Schubert (Pennsylvania)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH
Robert A. Carter, Minister
Miss Minnie Willson, Sunday School Superintendent

Miss Dawne Christie, Organist
9:45 Church School
11:00 Morning Worship
The Junior Choir will sing at next Sunday morning's service.

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf for the use of their nativity altarpieces in the basement windows of the church.

WEST PARISH CHURCH
Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
Miss John Tebbets, Choir Director
Frank Lee Flint, Organist
Sunday, Dec. 27

9:30 Church School
11:00 Morning Worship. The sermon will be called, "The Magi."

BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G. E. Lindahl, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 27

9:15 p. m. Sunday School
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship Service

6:15 p. m. Youth Fellowship
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship Service
This service will feature a special Christmas film entitled "The Guiding Star." Everyone is cordially invited.

Wednesday, Dec. 30:
Senior Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p. m.
Midweek Bible Study, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

You are cordially invited to attend the services of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, or the service of the branch church or society near you.

Golden Text: "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations." (Isaiah 52:9, 10.)

Authorized Christian Science Literature is available in the public library or may be read, borrowed or purchased at my home.—Mrs. Irma H. Thompson, Vernon Street Phone 85.

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS

from The Bible

But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.—(Psalm III, 3.)

The quest for pleasure, for material comforts, for temporal security, occupies so many of us these days. But while pursuing them, above all we long for peace of mind and soul. There can be, however, no peace or strength within us, and no lasting security, until we know God and live within Him in righteousness and faith, and try to help others do so.

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Rev. Robert H. Harper

"Thy Kingdom Come"
Lesson for December 27: Matthew 6: 9-13; 28: 16-20; John 17: 18-21; Acts 1: 6-9; Revelation 11: 15a.

Golden Text: Revelation 11: 15.

The first passage of the lesson text is a part of the Lord's Prayer and includes the address and petitions that refer to the kingdom. In these petitions we find the substance of all prayer:—"Thy kingdom come and thy will be done." They commit one who prays to all the work of the kingdom and bring him into a covenant with God to do his will.

In the five last verses of Matthew we see Jesus with the disciples just before his ascension. Then we hear his last command: "Go ye." They were to make disciples of all nations, set up the kingdom.

In what has been called the "high-priestly prayer" of Jesus just before he went into the garden of Gethsemane he prayed that his disciples might be one in him and witness to the world that Jesus was sent of God.

After the resurrection, the disciples asked Jesus if he would at that time restore the kingdom to Israel. There was some thought, no doubt, of the earthly kingdom. Jesus told them it was not for them to know the times and the seasons. But they would receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them. And not many days thereafter the Holy Ghost came upon them and prepared them to go forth to turn the world upside down. Finally, we read in Revelation that the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of the Lord and his Christ.

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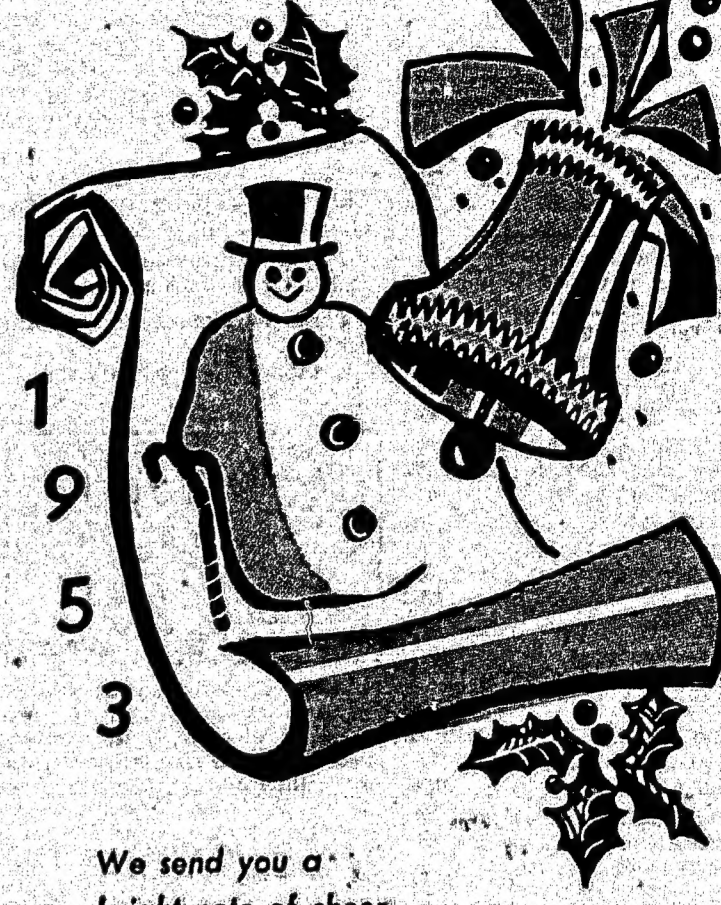
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GREENWOOD CITY

Mrs. Colista Morgan, Corres.
There was a Christmas tree and program at the school house on last Friday evening.
Christmas Greetings, by Albert Curtis
What the Stocking Said, by Wayne Hakala
Merry Christmas, by All
Why the Cattle Kneel, by Ann and Robert Holt
The Christmas Tree, by All
Five Songs, by Five Boys
Mary, by Ann Holt
Christmas Joy, by Carl Curtis
Riding with Santa, by Raymond Hakala
Santa, the Superman, by Robert Holt
Little Boy Blue, by Kenneth Curtis
Plotting to Kidnap Santa, a play

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cole showed slides on the Christmas Story and had a Christmas tree for their Sunday School pupils at the Club house Monday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt called on relatives at South Paris on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Pierce of North Carolina are with her father, Roy Millett, until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Nottage of South Paris were Sunday callers at Fred Curtis'.

Mrs. Roland Hayes is visiting relatives in Portland a few days this week.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Sandra Martin, Corres.
Dan Shaw, Portland, was a recent visitor of Mrs. Nellie Martin.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills, Locke Mills, were recent callers at Harold Churchill's.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rainey, Rowe Hill, were recent callers at Beryl Martin's.
Mrs. Beryl Martin and children were in Norway Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hazelton are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Thomas.
Mrs. Beryl Martin called on her father, Lewis Libby, Sunday.

Christmas is the gentlest, loveliest festival of the revolving year—and yet, for all that, when it speaks, its voice has strong authority.
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ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER—AND VICINITY

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Corres.
Rev Herbert Houghton preached a very interesting sermon for Christmas Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Spinney entertained the following guests at a Christmas party Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith and family of Mechanic Falls, Mrs. Annie Nutting, Dickie and Dianna Bennett, Russell Nutting and Miss Carol DesRoche, of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lowe attended his mother's funeral at Oxford last week.

Mrs. Edith Stearns and Mrs. Laura Pinkham spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Bumpus.

The annual supper and Christmas tree were held at the church Wednesday evening with entertainment furnished by the children. There will be no more Circle Suppers until spring.

Miss Iva Rugg is working at J J Newberry's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cameron and baby son were Sunday callers of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lowe were at George Wentworth's Sunday to watch television.

Carlton Rugg was a supper guest at Harlan Bumpus' Saturday.

The Maine Breeding Cooperative through its local units and technicians artificially breeds thousands of Maine dairy cows each month to outstanding bulls. A definite improvement in the "average" Maine cows has already been noted.

STATE OF MAINE
Oxford ss. December 17, 1953.
Taken this seventeenth day of December, 1953 on execution dated November 20th, 1953, issued on a judgment rendered by the Superior Court for the County of Oxford and State of Maine at a term thereof began and held on the first Tuesday of November, 1953, to wit, the seventeenth day of said November, in favor of William Bean of Milton Plantation in said County of Oxford, against Louis Jean Grandmason of Colebrook in the County of Coos and State of New Hampshire, for the sum of three hundred seventy-nine dollars and sixty-one cents, debt or damage, and twenty-three dollars and ninety-three cents costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction on the premises in Greenwood in said County of Oxford to the highest bidder, on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1954 at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest which the said Louis Jean Grandmason has and had in and to the same on the thirteenth day of January, 1953 at five o'clock in the afternoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to wit: A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Greenwood in said County of Oxford in that part known as the Irish Neighborhood, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on line of land now or formerly of Will Seames and John H. Deegan at a point where said line intersects line of land of the Flaherty lot, so known; thence in a westerly direction along line of said Flaherty lot across the old County Road to a corner and line of Grafton Lumber Company thence in a southerly direction along line of said Grafton Lumber Company to a stake and stones on line of land of L. E. Davis; thence in an easterly direction along line of land of said L. E. Davis across said old County Road to a corner and line of land now or formerly of J. F. Harrington; thence in a northerly direction along line of said Harrington line to the southeasterly corner of land of the Harrington heirs to a corner; thence in a northerly direction along line of land of said Harrington heirs to a corner; thence in an easterly direction along line of land of said Harrington heirs to a corner and line of land of said Will Seames; thence in a northerly direction along line of land of said Seames to the point of beginning.

Containing one hundred forty acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Louis Jean Grandmason by John H. Deegan by his deed dated November 23, 1952, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds in Book 523 Page 476.

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LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Corres.
The following program was given in the grammar room last Friday afternoon. Parents and friends were present and also attended the Christmas parties in each room.
Announcer, Milan (Buddy) Conner
Old Santa Claus, Sub-primary
The Story of the Birth of Jesus, First Grade
Away in a Manger and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, sung by Group in Primary Room
My Stocking, Myrtle Tripp
A dialogue "I'd Like to Be" Second Grade Group
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Sung by Everyone
A String of Questions, Intermediate Room
A Wish, Intermediate Room
A dialogue, "Sandy and the Stockings", Intermediate Room
Christmas Suggestions, Intermediate Room
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Sung by Everyone
The Magic Candle, Grammar Room
Jingle Bells, Sung by Everyone

Mrs. Hazel Gardner, teacher in the intermediate room, has returned to her home in Waterford. Mrs. Gardner will not return after the Christmas vacation.

Miss Hulda Corkum is spending the holidays at her home. Richard Melville fractured his wrist while playing basketball at Oxford over the week end.

David Jordan, Merle Noyes, and Paul Bartlett, students at the University of Maine, arrived at their homes over the week end.

Jimmy Roberts nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Roberts, was able to attend the Christmas party at school. Jimmy has been confined to his home since last spring from complications following rheumatic fever.

Orlando Jordan received an injury to his back the last of the week, and has been unable to work at the mill for several days.

Larry Cummings is visiting for a few days with relatives at Abington, Mass.

Rodney Swift of Hawthorne, N. Y., is visiting for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swift.

Blaine Mills was at the C.M.G. Hospital the first of the week for further treatment to his fractured wrist.

The home of the late Frank Ring on Main Street is being razed. A chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Mary Crockett Wednesday evening was extinguished, without damage, by a group of men.

STATE 4-H CLUB CONTEST
SLATED FOR ORONO, DEC. 28-30
Ten 4-H club members from each county in Maine will attend the annual State 4-H Club Contest at the University of Maine, Dec. 28, 29, and 30. All adult 4-H club leaders whose clubs have successfully completed the past year's work are also invited. Some 557 invitations have been sent from the Extension Service's state 4-H office.

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